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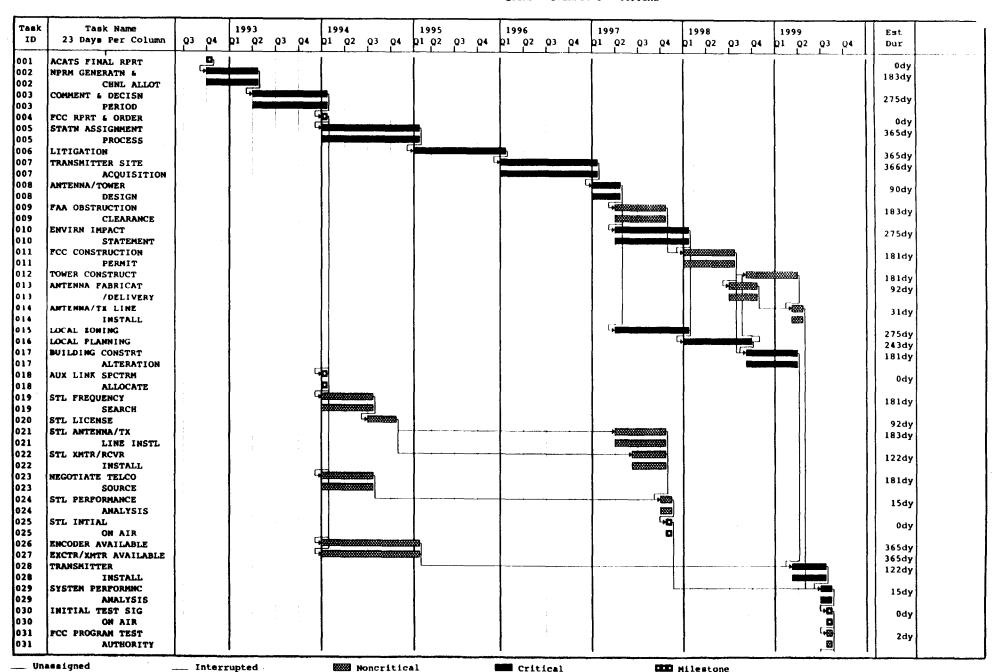
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# Supporting List of Assumptions

Transmitter: Simulcast w/New Tower Required - Scenario 3 - Alternative B

# **General Assumptions**

- 1. Station Assignment process occurs concurrent with FCC Final Report & Order
- 2. Station will experience no litigation delays
- 3. Governmental approval times are "nominal," i.e. very short
- 4. Station is not involved in multi-station tower facility
- 5. Station's existing tower has inadequate capacity for additional antenna
- 6. Existing tower site has insufficient room for additional tower
- 7. New tower & transmitter building required at new site
- 8. Local approvals are required for new transmitter building
- 9. Local approvals are required for new tower
- 10. Spectrum is ultimately found for station-owned STL
- 11. Space exists for additional STL antennas at both ends of link

# Specific Assumptions

# Milestone 1 - Advisory Committee Final Report

### A. Assumptions

- 1. Advisory Committee completes final report on current schedule
- 2. Advisory Committee report recommends system choice
- 3. No litigation that impedes process

#### Task 2 - NPRM Generation & Channel Allotment

### A. Assumptions

- 1. FCC issues NPRM on announced schedule
- 2. Channels are allotted to cities at release of NPRM
- 3. FCC accepts Advisory Committee recommendation on system choice
- 4. No litigation that impedes process

#### Task 3 - Comment & Decision Period

# A. Assumptions

- 1. Allows time for comments & reply comments
- 2. Provides time for preparation of Final Report & Order
- 3. No litigation that impedes process

# Milestone 4 - FCC Report & Order

### A. Assumptions

1. Final Report & Order confirms choice of single system

# Task 5 - Station Assignment Process

#### A. Assumptions

- 1. Station channel assignment made concurrently w/Final Report & Order
- 2. Stations cannot begin designs until after channel assignment
- 3. No litigation that impedes process

# Task 6 - Litigation

- 1. No delay from litigation once Final Report & Order issued
- 2. No uncertainty of channel assignment for stations

### Task 7 - Transmitter Site Acquisition

### A. Assumptions

- 1. Station determines non-usability of existing tower well in advance
- 2. Station begins search for land in advance of FCC decision
- 3. No litigation to delay acquisition
- 4. Suitable space available in even major metropolitan areas
- 5. Sufficient space quickly found on the market

# Task 8 - Antenna/Tower Design

#### A. Assumptions

- 1. Station will not begin final design until channel & location are certain
- 2. Station will move existing NTSC channel to new site
- 3. Preliminary work done well in advance
- 4. Tower structure, antenna mounting, & transmission line included
- 5. Design is for single station on its own tower
- 6. Modelling of antenna interactions is not necessary

# Task 9 - FAA Obstruction Clearance Approval

#### A. Assumptions

- 1. Site obtained is away from airports
- 2. Site obtained is away from flight corridors
- 3. No FAA control over spectrum-related matters
- 4. FAA approval granted in "nominal" time

#### Task 10 - Environmental Impact Statement

#### A. Assumptions

- 1. Preparation cannot begin until site location is confirmed
- 2. Cannot be completed until antenna/tower design is complete
- 3. Principal concerns are tower aesthetics and radiation
- 4. Building and site infrastructure are not environmentally significant
- 5. Same statement can be used for all agencies requiring one

# Task 11 - FCC Construction Permit (CP) Issuance

- 1. CP grant dependent on Environmental Impact Statement
- 1. CP grant dependent on technical design
- 2. CP grant not dependent on local approvals
- 3. CP grant in "nominal" time after application

#### Task 12 - Tower Construction

# A. Assumptions

- 1. Construction can begin as soon as all approvals are received
- 2. No significant delays for weather
- 3. Relatively tall tower (1-2,000 feet)
- 4. Tower large enough for more than just HDTV antenna
- 5. Tower fully equipped including elevator, etc.

#### Task 13 - Antenna Fabrication & Delivery

### A. Assumptions

- 1. Contingent order placed well in advance to hold place for delivery
- 2. Antenna fab will not begin before CP grant
- 3. Antenna fab will begin before all local approvals received
- 3. Antenna manufacturing capacity sufficient to meet demand

#### Task 14 - Antenna & Transmission Line Installation

# A. Assumptions

1. Weather not a factor in installation completion within slack time

# Task 15 - Local Zoning Permits

# A. Assumptions

- 1. Zoning Permit required for both tower & building construction
- 2. Environmental Impact Statement sufficient to satisfy authorities
- 3. No litigation from local interests to preclude granting of permit
- 4. Zoning Permit granted in "nominal" time

# Task 16 - Local Planning Approval

#### A. Assumptions

- 1. Zoning approval required before Planning Approval
- 2. Plan approvals required for transmitter building
- 3. Plan approvals required for tower & antennas
- 4. Plan approvals granted in "nominal" time

# Task 17 - Building Construction

- 1. No existing transmitter building at new tower site
- 2. Building construction is "fast-tracked"
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# Supporting List of Assumptions

### Cable Television

# General Assumptions

- Cable TV headend equipment vendors will begin development work and testing on new equipment (processors, modulators, and scrambling systems) as soon as proponent is chosen for standardization.
- 2. Cable TV networks and broadcasters will announce plans to provide HDTV service.
- 3. Cable TV headends will be reconfigured as required in a staged scenario.
- 4. Cable TV local origination and local "ad insertion" will closely follow the small TV broadcast studio scenario.
- 5. New HDTV standard will be compatible with existing NTSC distribution system, therefore: Cable TV distribution facilities (coaxial, microwave, and fiber) will not require rebuilding, if channel capacity is available.
- 6. Existing Cable TV coaxial distribution facilities are currently either being rebuilt or are being replaced with fiber to provide a higher standard of service, at a 20 per cent per year rate, and with additional channel capacity.
- 7. New Cable TV distribution facilities are being constructed with a higher standard of service and additional channel capacity. The economics of compression as a method to multiplex in order to gain channel capacity are not clear, and, furthermore, the technology is not considered here.
- 8. Change in consumer devices will be gradual, therefore: The changeout of set-top converters/descramblers will also be gradual.

# **Specific Assumptions**

Task XXX - Add HDTV Simulcast broadcast channel to cable TV system; existing reception antenna.

# A. Assumptions

- 1. Cable TV system has channel capacity to add new HDTV channels.
- 2. Simulcast will be transmitted from same tower location as NTSC transmission, therefore does not require new reception antenna.
- 3. Install new equipment without interruption of other channels.
- 4. Headend building has existing physical plant (space, HVAC, electrical supply) capacity to add new equipment.

### B. Equipment

1. Heterodyne processor

Task XXX - Add HDTV simulcast broadcast channel to cable TV system on a different cable channel; new reception antenna.

### A. Assumptions

- 1. Cable TV system has channel capacity to add new HDTV channels.
- 2. Simulcast will be transmitted from different tower location or on a different channel from NTSC transmission, therefore requires new reception antenna.
- 3. Install new equipment without interruption of other channels.
- 4. Headend building has existing physical plant (space, HVAC, electrical supply) capacity to add new equipment.

#### B. Equipment

- 1. Heterodyne processor
- 2. Reception antenna

Task XXX - Add HDTV simulcast satellite channel to cable TV system; existing reception antenna.

# A. Assumptions

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- 2. Simulcast will be transmitted from same satellite as NTSC transmission, therefore does not require new reception antenna.
- 3. Install new equipment without interruption of other channels.
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# B. Equipment

- 1. Satellite receiver
- 2. Modulator
- 3. Scrambling encoder

Task XXX - Add HDTV simulcast satellite channel to cable TV system; new reception antenna.

#### A. Assumptions

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# B. Equipment

- 1. Satellite antenna
- 2. LNBs
- 3. Satellite receiver
- 4. Modulator
- 5. Scrambling encoder

Task YYY - <u>Vendor Development</u> Design and produce cable television headend receiving equipment (heterodyne processor, satellite receiver, modulator).

- 1. HDTV standard has been defined, and technical information released (licensed).
- 2. Technical issues resolved. (Distortion, bandwidth, group delay, return loss.)
- 3. Industry standard developed and recognized. (Broadcast to CATV specification.)

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